# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Production of Horticultural Crops
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the schemes relating to the production and marketing of the vegetables, fruits and flowers in the country;

(b) the quantum of vegetables, fruits and flowers produced in the country during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government for processing of the perishable goods and items produced in the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): For holistic growth of the horticulture sector this Ministry has been implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)-a Centrally Sponsored Scheme from the financial year 2014-15.

The Mission envisages production and productivity improvement of horticulture crops including fruits and vegetables through various interventions. Scheme also envisages creation of infrastructure for Post Harvest Management (PHM) and marketing for better price realization of produce.

Under MIDH financial assistance in form of grants-in-aid is provided for following activities which helps in production of horticultural crops:

Production of quality planting material.

Import of high quality seeds.

Setting up and modernization of nurseries.

Setting up and strengthening of Tissue Culture (TC) units.

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Establishment of new gardens/orchards and plantations.

Rejuvenation of old and senile orchards.

Protected cultivation (Poly-house/Green-house) for high value vegetables and flowers, etc.

MIDH also provides credit linked back ended subsidy for development of following marketing infrastructure :

Static/mobile vending cart/platform with cool chamber.

Environmentally controlled retail outlet.

Rural markets/Apni Mandi/Direct markets.

Wholesale markets.

Terminal market complex.

The Government has recently launched a new initiative i.e. National Agriculture Market Scheme (e-NAM), a pan India electronic trading portal deployed in selected regulated wholesale markets in States across the country. Under the scheme, the Government is

providing software free of cost to the States and grant up to Rs.30 lakh per mandi for related infrastructure/equipments including for assaying.

(b): Details of production of vegetables, fruits and flowers in the country during the last three years is as under:
(in'000 MT)

| Commodity | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 (II Adv. Est.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fruits | 81285.33 | 88977.13 | 86601.68 | 90533.94 |
| Vegetables | 162186.57 | 162896.91 | 169478.23 | 166466.57 |
| Flowers | 2247.02 | 2297.02 | 2142.89 | 2158.85 |

Source: Horticulture Statistics Division, DAC&FW

(c): Under MIDH, for setting up primary/mobile processing component, credit linked back-ended subsidy is provided @ 40% of the maximum project cost of Rs.25 lakh per unit in General areas & @ 55% in case of hilly & Scheduled areas.

Further, credit linked back-ended assistance@ 50% of the project cost of Rs.800/- lakh per unit is available for the component of Food Processing Units for perishable horticulture produce in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and North-Eastern States.

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